**Rose Ensemble to Sing at Christ Church**

The world-famous Rose Ensemble will be appearing at Christ Church Lutheran on Saturday 18 May at 5:30pm. Along with our own pastor and cantors, the Ensemble will lead us in a fully sung, mostly Latin vespers service to celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost. This is a unique opportunity to hear this remarkable group in our own sanctuary, and you will enjoy the beauty, artistry, and ancient echoes that come to life in this brief service.

“World-famous” is no exaggeration. The Rose Ensemble tours internationally each season and won first prize in both sacred and secular music categories at the 2012 Tolosa Choral Contest in Spain (part of the European Choral Grand Prix). Founder Jordan Sramek received the 2010 Louis Botto Award from Chorus America “for entrepreneurial zeal.” The Rose Ensemble’s 2012–2013 performance highlights include appearances at Certamen Coral de Tolosa (Spain), the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Chicago), the Philharmonic Center for the Arts (Naples, Florida), and Early Music Now (Milwaukee), along with regular appearances here in the Twin Cities. The Ensemble has released nine recordings.
Leadership
Pastor Pastor Kristine Carlson
Music Pastor Robert Farlee, Pastor Martin Seltz
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Pat Baehtler Noah Niermann
Ann Davis Rita Schoenike
Josh Messner Luann Skrivseth

Announcements
Retirees
Wednesday 29 May at 11:00am. Pastor Carlson and Sally Messner will entertain us with songs from the 1940s and 50s. Potluck lunch to follow. Everyone welcome!

12 May
Meet the Artist—Karla Kihere

19 May
RIC Brunch and Discussion

26 May
Memorial Day Weekend. No forum—coffee fellowship in the Luther Lounge

Welcome new members Sarah Brunsvold and Jeff Weispfenning; Hilary Gebauer; Leo and Anselma, and Anselma and Elisa Lopez; Kara Middleton; Chloe Rice; Will Stark; Charles and Kim, and Alayna Young.

And welcome to the Christian church through the waters of holy baptism to
- Alayna Young (7 April) and
- Hans Adams (21 April).

Elizabeth Pinske died April 20, 2013. Pr. Carlson officiated at her funeral on April 30, 2013. Elizabeth became a member of Christ Church on May 21, 1939.
Helping Hands
May / June

Gene Bruss
Susannah and Brian Odlaug
Bill and Phyllis Dunstone
Clyde Hanson
Muriel Heller
Michael Jefferis
David Kutzbach
Kevin Reuther and Gerry Tyrrell
Jan Radloff
Bob and Ute Swenson
Evelyn and Wally Wermager
Max Wipperman

Summer Choir
Singers, come one, come all! Sally and Annalies Messner will be organizing a summer choir to help lead worship on the following four Sundays: 2 June, 14 July, 18 August, and 1 September. Come for just one of these Sundays or come for all of them. Rehearsal starts at 9:00am in the choir room on the above dates and is for that Sunday’s music only. Adults and children are welcome—this is an intergenerational ensemble!

May Birthdays
5/2 Cliff Siewert
5/10 Annalies Messner, Tillie Wiklander
5/11 Sally Messner
5/12 Elias Selden, Patricia Solie
5/15 Eb Revsbeck
5/16 Naomi Bruesehoff
5/18 Anders Carlson-Wee, Shay Roberts
5/20 Bill Dunstone, Ardell Rogers
5/21 Birgitte Christianson
5/22 Dick Gliem, Donna Torgerson
5/24 Tony Girard
5/26 Stephanie Gustafson, Marilu Peters, Jeff Sutherland
5/27 Ken Koense
5/28 Christian Bergsrud, Robyn Nooney

Thrivent Choice Dollars Make a Huge Difference
If you are a Thrivent member, you earn “choice dollars” for many of your financial activities with the company. In just a few minutes online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice, you can designate these dollars to the charity of your choice (from Thrivent’s list of approved charities). Please consider directing your allocation to Christ Church Lutheran—this really helps our budget! If you cannot do this online, you can call your Thrivent representative.

Simply Giving
Please consider making your donations to Christ Church through Simply Giving. In the first two months of 2013, over half of our contributions from members came through Simply Giving! The form is not difficult, and once you are set up, your gifts will come to the church automatically from your checking or savings account. The deductions are automatic, but if your circumstances change, you can easily change or stop your deduction. For further information, or to sign up for Simply Giving, contact congregation treasurer Melody Pauling. You can contact Melody at 612.625.7399 (working hours) or pauli001@umn.edu. Simply Giving forms are also available from the church office.
Upcoming Educational Forums
Sundays 11:15am

5 May
Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Christian Worship
Robert Hausman
Dietrich Bonhoeffer was not only an example of ethical fortitude in his struggle against the Nazis but also an important theologian who valued highly the Lutheran heritage in worship. His writings, particularly Life Together and Letters and Papers from Prison—as well as the worship practices at his illegal seminary in Finkenwalde—give us a picture of how Bonhoeffer understood the role of worship in the church.

12 May
Missional Worship at Christ Church Lutheran
Robert Farlee
How is the way we worship at Christ Church “missional”? In what ways is our worship more than a community gathered inwardly to approach God in adoration, confession, supplication, and thanksgiving (no small thing!)? How is our worship also an outward-reaching act? And how might we do this even better? What does it mean when we say, “as we worship, so we live”? Pastor Farlee, one of our cantors, will help us think about these matters together.

19 May
Christ Church Lutheran Members Share Their Stories
Kevin Reuther and Gerry Tyrrell
Katie Swanson and Noah Niermann
Come to a Pentecost brunch! Kevin Reuther and Gerry Tyrrell—members now of Christ Church Lutheran—tell about being part of a “Reconciling in Christ” (RIC) congregation, about their lives together as married, gay men, and about their experiences as a family in the Twin Cities. Katie Swanson and Noah Niermann will share what it means for them to be members of a congregation that openly welcomes gay men and women.
Please sign up for this event to help us plan the meal (which includes a freewill offering).

26 May
Memorial Day Weekend. Fellowship in the Luther Lounge. No forum on this day.

Luther Seminary Archives Visit

On Sunday 7 April Pastor Carlson and members of the church council and preservation committee visited the Luther Seminary and Region 3 (ELCA) Archives, where we have deposited valuable Saarinen material that remains the property of Church Church Lutheran. Paul Daniels, the archivist and curator, demonstrated how they process and store these original works by a world-class architect and led discussion of many related issues regarding archival conservation, copyright, and the use of facsimiles. Kari Bostrom, the archives assistant, demonstrated the archives website under construction at (www.luthersem.edu/archives). Watch this space for future updates on the Christ Church Lutheran Archives.

—John Christianson
The River

Since moving to the Twin Cities nearly three years ago, I have been able to go on my daily walk by a body of water. I first lived near Lake Nokomis, then Lake Harriet, and now just a block away from the muddy and mighty Mississippi River.

I grew up on the prairie of North Dakota, where another major waterway was influential in my life—the Missouri River. The Missouri is wider and faster than the part of the Mississippi near us here at Christ Church. The Missouri River of my childhood held stories—stories of two captains, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and their guide, Sakakawea, not to mention her infant son Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, whom everyone called Little Pomp. And in my growing up, I defined my stories by this river: my grandfather forgot to put the parking brake in gear before unloading his boat, causing both the boat and his pickup to roll into the river and submerge. I went for a yearly twenty-five-mile kayak trip past earth lodges to retrace part of the Corps of Discovery trip. I often went fishing each week for walleye with my grandfather on this river.

When I was seven my family took a vacation to Saint Louis, Missouri. Riding high up into the Arch, I was able to see the Mississippi River, what I thought was a silly name for a river. Muddy, thick, and large, this river looked intimidating, it looked nothing like the river I loved back home.

Eventually I moved away from the river of my youth, the river that I would smoke cigars alongside, the one I would swing and jump into from trees only to see which of my friends could make the biggest splash.

Now when I go walking along the Mississippi River, I try to sit where I can see little human development. I often see red-headed woodpeckers and mallard ducks. Occasionally, I have the excitement of surprising a beaver. I try to link myself to this place, live deeply in it, and learn to love it as I loved my childhood river.

I believe my relationship to faith is like a river—ebbing and flowing, stumbling over rapids, often slowing near the most scenic spots. Noted nineteenth-century philosopher Søren Kierkegaard uses a metaphor I think is applicable to the Christian life: “Jump in, the water is fine.” In our lives together—in our lives with Christ—we often are called to go around the bend, not knowing where we go. We are called to do this. Why? Because we are to live like a mighty river.

—Taylor Brorby

Congratulations, Taylor! On the completion of your master’s degree in Liberal Studies from Hamline University. Taylor’s new bowtie was handmade by new member Kara Middleton.
BierKlub Brews Two Batches
The beer brewing group met in April to brew a batch of Pentecost Porter and a batch of Spring Incense (a smokey pale ale). Both beers will be available for sampling during the 12 May educational forum. Clockwise from top left, we are mashing, sparging, enjoying, and sparging some more.

Weaving at Christ Church
Are you interested in weaving? Would you like to know more? Join us Sunday 5 May at 12:30pm in the Yellow Room to talk about what we might do in this area. At the meeting, we will get a sense of people’s skill levels and interests. Some ideas are hosting classes, doing a community project, or working on paraments.

People of any skill level are welcome—please invite others who might be interested! If you have access to a loom, please bring it. If you have questions, contact Kevin Olsen at 612-554-5401 or klolsen2@gmail.com

Summer Preschool Volunteers Needed
Summer preschool at Christ Church this year will be 10–28 June. We are looking for adult volunteers to help the lead teachers. The daily schedule is 9:00am to 12:00pm during the weeks of 10–14 June (music week), 17–21 June (art week), and 24–28 June (science week). Contact Sally Messner (sally.messner@gmail.com) if you would like to help.
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**Mother's Day**

- **9:30 AM Eucharist**
- 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour
- 11:15 AM Education
- 1:00 PM Artist Reception

**Pentecost**

- **9:30 AM Eucharist**
- 11:15 AM Education

**Memorial Day**

- 9:30 AM Eucharist
- Office Closed
- 1:00 PM Tai Chi Chih
## Lectionary Readings

### 5 May 2013
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Acts 16:9-15*
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

### 12 May 2013
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34*
Psalm 97
Revel. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

### 19 May 2013
*Day of Pentecost*

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, 25-27

### 26 May 2013
*Trinity Sunday—First Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

* During Eastertide a reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible.